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Dolphins To Convoy Gate Swim

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Something new will be added in "Gate Swimming" this morning when 30 members of the Dolphin Club make the 30th attempt to negotiate the turbulent strip of water that separates San Francisco from the Marin shore. For the first time the safety of all the swimmers will be guarded.

In former swims across the Golden Gate the rule has been that every swimmer must have a personal pilot. These pilots selected the course for the waterman. More often than not the pilots, in an attempt to outsmart the others, steered courses that ranged from setting out toward the Farallones in one direction to heading for Alcatraz island in the other.

In contrast, this morning about 10 boats will form a patrol for the 30 swimmers who will be instructed to stay inside the convoy at all times. Should any swimmer become distressed he will be picked up by the nearest rowboat and taken to the swimmers' launch for first aid. It's a new idea in mass gate swimming and surely will save lots of headaches if it works out in practice the way it sounds in theory.

STARTS AT 9:30

The race will start from the east side of the San Francisco tower of the Golden Gate bridge at 9:30 a. m. and finish on the Marin side at the white-painted rocks of Lime Point.

A spectators' boat will leave the Sea Scout dock at the foot of Van Ness avenue at 9 a. m

Jimmy Cronin, the ageless one, who has been starting these Dolphin Club swim races ever since they were originated, will be the big gunman this day.

Ray Carmassi, a brilliant prep school swimmer, is favored to cop this race in the absence of Jack Reynolds, who won it four times running. Jack has been too busy to train properly, and he knows his gate too well to tackle it without proper preparation.

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Al Liva, Joe Bruno, Clifford Quist, Terry Creighton, Melvin Scontrino and Pate Salvato all hope to win and experts think that they will all finish well in front of the pack.

Bill Mahood, the huge Oakland policeman, is scheduled to start. Bill may not be the oldest man in the race, but offhand we can't think of any that outdate him. The youngest swimmer in the test will be Leonard Gelardi, who is just 14 years of age. Leonard and his dad Gus will make a new father and son team in gate swimming. Others who are listed as starters follow:

Remo Tocchini, Pete Tarantino, Paul Silvester, Eric Burkeson, Bob Burkeson, Elmer Hubacher, Will Lats, Fred Herms Jr., Ted Monell, Joe Paoli, Frank Adams, Ronald Demaris, Bill Mahood, Hector Stephens, Jim Massoncini, Dom Delucci, Joe Wiess, Wyne Alexander, Dave Lebo and Joe Kaufman.